- 1 this page?
- 2 A Yes. This is a similar page out of the general
- 3 ledger for the month of April 1994, showing basically the
- 4 same account.
- Okay. So this page refers to WLTA as well?
- A This is also WLTA's account designated by the 005,
- 7 003650, the account number down toward the bottom.
- 8 Q All right. Is there an entry on this page from
- 9 April which relates to Steve Kline's salary?
- 10 A Yes, there is a couple entries. If you will note,
- 11 please, you'll see the \$5,000 salary to Steve that was the
- same as in March, and you'll also see the same \$1,000 being
- 13 accrued to LTA, but then there is an additional --
- 14 Q The number in the right-hand column?
- 15 A Excuse me. The right-hand column, you'll see the
- 16 five and the one, which are identical to the prior month, in
- 17 March that I just went over. And then there is also a
- 18 \$3,000 reclass entry, which means that it's taken out of
- 19 this account, \$3,000, which is half of the five and the one,
- 20 and it was reclassed to WRBR.
- 21 Q Let me just make sure I'm following correctly.
- 22 This is towards the bottom of the page an entry dated April
- 23 1, 1994, and then as you move up to the right-hand side of
- the page it says "0026, reclass admin P/R \$3,000"?
- 25 A That's correct. What it basically reflects is a

- journal entry where these things come from, journals. It
- 2 reflects a journal entry to recall half of Steve' salary and
- 3 accrued bonus to WRBR for the month of April.
- 4 Q Okay. So this page shows us that half of the
  - 5 salary for Steve Kline was allocated to WLTA in April 1994?
- 6 A The end result was half of it being allocated to
- 7 WLTA, correct.
- 8 Q Let me refer you to the next page, please.
- 9 Do you recognize this?
- 10 A Yes. This would be the similar general ledger
- page only it's the general ledger page for WRBR or Hicks
- 12 Broadcasting, and this is designated by the first three
- digits of the account number 003, company 3 is Hicks
- 14 Broadcasting.
- Okay. And in this page which relates to April, is
- there an entry that relates to Steve Kline's salary?
- 17 A Yes. That entry you'll notice in the top, right
- 18 at the top of the page you will see account 35350. 353
- 19 designates WRBR, and you'll notice that there is an entry
- that's describe as reclass administrative payroll, and it's
- 21 \$3,000. The result of that was half of Steve's salary and
- 22 accrued bonus being charged to WRBR in the month of April.
- Q Okay. So as of this point, April 1994, Steve
- 24 Kline's salary which had previously been allocated entirely
- 25 to WLTA is now being split between WLTA, the Pathfinder

- 1 station --
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q And WRBR, the Booth station?
- 4 A Correct.
- Q What is then actually the Hicks Broadcasting
- 6 station. Excuse me.
- 7 A Sure.
- 8 Q Okay. What about the next page?
- 9 A I had referred to the manner in which -- how this
- 10 \$3,000 actually gets into the general ledger, and it's via
- what's called a journal entry. And this is a copy of the
- journal entry that was made, the journal entry about two-
- thirds down the page there reflects that \$3,000 entry, and
- 14 that's just what you had seen in the general ledger. This
- is what got it there.
- 16 Q So this doesn't really tell us anything new?
- A No, it's just -- no, it's really nothing new.
- 18 Q And how about the next page? It says "General
- 19 Journal, May 1994."
- 20 A This appears to be the journal entry that was made
- in May of '94. You'll notice -- you'll notice here, you'll
- see the \$2500 being split instead of a recall made for
- 23 \$3,000.
- There is a separate entry, separate accrual made
- 25 on Hicks' books for the 500, so that, again, in anticipation

- for a bonus, that -- there still was a \$3,000 charge for
- 2 Steve Kline in the month of May. It just came in two
- 3 different entries.
- Q Okay. But this page doesn't really change the
- 5 basic picture?
- 6 A It doesn't change that at all.
- 7 Q And then the next page, the general ledger
- 8 relating to May 1994?
- 9 A That's merely a reflection of that \$2,500 journal
- here, and it also shows the \$500 as a separate entry that I
- 11 had -- that I had indicated before that it was made before,
- only a separate entry was made of it.
- 13 Q All right. So as of May, Steve Kline's salary is
- 14 still being split 50/50 between WLTA, the Pathfinder
- 15 station, and WRBR, the Booth station -- the Hicks
- 16 Broadcasting station?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q All right.
- 19 JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right, we'll take a 10-minute
- 20 recess.
- 21 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Back on the record.
- MR. SHOOK: Your Honor?
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Yes.
- \_ 25 MR. SHOOK: I just wanted to raise a matter before

- 1 we begin.
- Before Mr. Watson was called, the Bureau did not
- 3 make a specific point of asking you to consider him as an
- 4 adverse or a hostile witness.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: There wasn't any need to because
- 6 he's a principal.
- 7 MR. SHOOK: Well --
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: He's an officer of the company.
- 9 MR. SHOOK: Right. Be that as it may, considering
- 10 that Pathfinder is now doing the questioning, and the
- 11 questioning, you know, in one sense is cross-examination, in
- 12 but in another sense is more like direct examination in the
- sense that Mr. Watson is a principal of Pathfinder, that we
- 14 would -- we want to have an understanding that the
- 15 questioning should be more in the nature of the direct
- 16 examination and not be so leading from the standpoint that
- the answer itself, if you will, is contained in the
- 18 question.
- We have not objected because we wanted to speed
- this process along, but we think that, by and large, many of
- 21 the questions that have been asked are in leading form, and
- 22 we just want to make sure that any objection along those
- lines is appropriate given the fact of Mr. Watson's status.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, you make your objection and
- 25 I'll rule on it. You clearly haven't objected so there is

1 nothing to rule on. 2 MR. SHOOK: You're right. 3 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Continue, counsel. MR. GUZMAN: Your Honor, I'd like to move for the 4 admission of Pathfinder Exhibit No. 70 at this time. 5 6 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Any objection? 7 MR. SHOOK: No objection. 8 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Pathfinder Exhibit 70 is 9 received. 1.0 (The document referred to, 11 having been previously marked 12 for identification as 13 Pathfinder Exhibit No. 70, was 14 received into evidence.) 15 BY MR. GUZMAN: 16 Mr. Watson, who told you to start allocating 50 Q 17 percent of Mr. Kline's salary to WRBR in April of 1994? Well, I heard it from Dave Hicks, and I also heard 18 Α 19 it from John. Dave Hicks told me first that Steve had been 20 approved as general manager. 0 Would you have started allocating half of Steve 21 22 Kline's salary to WRBR in the manner that we've just 23 discussed without approval from Dave Hicks? 24 Α Of course not. No. 25 0 Now, does Dave Hicks receive a copy of the general Heritage Reporting Corporation (202) 628-4888

- ledger, some of the pages of which we've been looking at?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q How often does -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- 4 A Yes, he receives it monthly starting April 1994.
- 5 Q Let's move to a new topic.
- 6 Yesterday we were discussing the way the
- 7 accounting work under the joint sales agreement with Booth.
- 8 I'd like to now discuss how it worked under the joint sales
- 9 agreement with Hicks Broadcasting.
- MR. GUZMAN: Your Honor, we'd like to refer back
- to the earlier diagram, and also we have a new one to
- 12 reflect the accounting practice under Hicks Broadcasting if
- 13 it's okay with you.
- THE WITNESS: Do you want me to proceed, Mike, or
- 15 do you want to ask --
- MR. GUZMAN: Pardon me?
- 17 THE WITNESS: Do you want to ask me something or
- do you want me to proceed?
- MR. GUZMAN: Well, let me ask you a couple of
- 20 questions first.
- 21 BY MR. GUZMAN:
- Q Under Booth, I think you testified yesterday all
- 23 you had was the joint sales agreement between Booth and
- 24 Pathfinder; is that right?
- 25 A That's correct.

1	Q What's different at the point when Hicks
2	Broadcasting buys the station on March 31, 1994? Were there
3	additional agreements?
- 4	A No, there was no there was no additional
5	written agreements signed. There were some as I
6	previously discussed, there were discussions regarding
7	sharing some additional costs, such as, again, the rent and
8	the receptionist, and I think those kind of things, and,
9	of course, the general manager.
10	Q You also had the accounting agreement.
11	A And the accounting agreement, right. That's
12	right, we had the accounting agreement. And the accounting
13	agreement and then my memo to Alan discussing the various
14	points regarding the how things were going to be handled.
15	I turned this thing this way. I wanted to make
16	sure that everyone can see it, but certainly, Your Honor.
17	JUDGE CHACHKIN: Can you get the mike in front of
18	you? Just take the mike in front of you. That's for the
19	purposes of the reporter.
20	THE WITNESS: Yes, I understand. I just okay.
21	MR. GUZMAN: Does anybody object if I move over
22	here so I would be able to see it at the same time?
23	JUDGE CHACHKIN: I'm just wondering if this isn't
24	confusing, because apparently there are new elements here,

but shouldn't we have a separate exhibit?

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- THE WITNESS: This is a separate exhibit, Your
- 2 Honor, and I wanted to go through that with you. I think it
- 3 will be fairly -- what I'll try to show you is how it was
- 4 exactly the same as before, and I'll even hold that one.
- 5 No, this is another exhibit. This is a new exhibit, Your
- 6 Honor.
- 7 MR. GUZMAN: Yes, let's identify this as
- 8 Pathfinder Exhibit No. 78, I believe.
- 9 JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right. And this Pathfinder
- 10 Exhibit No. 78 is what?
- MR. GUZMAN: This exhibit demonstrates how the
- 12 accounting works relating to WBYT and WRBR after Hicks
- assumed ownership on April 1, 1994.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right, that document will be
- 15 marked for identification as Pathfinder Exhibit 78.
- 16 (The document referred to was
- 17 marked for identification as
- 18 Pathfinder Exhibit No. 78.)
- 19 BY MR. GUZMAN:
- Q Mr. Watson, why don't you go ahead and explain to
- 21 us what you've got up there on the exhibit.
- 22 A Okay. What I would like you to do for a moment,
- 23 if you could, is just kind of look at the top portion of
- 24 this.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: When you say "the top portion,"

1 you'd better identify it. 2 THE WITNESS: Okay, I will. 3 If you can for a moment look at it above that dotted line. 4 5 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Being what? 6 THE WITNESS: Being this -- I will explain to you. 7 This above the dotted line is identical to the 8 illustration that was put up yesterday showing the -- excuse 9 me, let me do it this way -- showing the joint venture revenue of \$100.00 being split 50/50, that becoming a 10 11 liability to Booth at this time, Hicks after April 1st. 12 The next one is identical also in that there was \$80.00 worth of joint venture expenses. That was split 13 50/50, in which case that \$40.00 became a receivable from 14 15 Booth, and after April 1st, it was a receivable from Hicks. 16 This net, the net being a payable from Pathfinder to Hicks of \$10.00 is identical to this chart, okay? 17 So it's after that there is some difference 18 entering into the accounting service agreement and combined 19 with the memo of March 4th. All of the checks, all of the 20 disbursements for WRBR were being made on Pathfinder's 21 books. So in addition to the joint venture expenses, 22 23 Pathfinder was then making non-joint venture expenses,

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whatever they might be: programming -- what?

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1	BY MR. GUZMAN:
2	Q I'm sorry to interrupt.
3	But what was the reason for making these non-joint
4	venture expenses?
5	A Well, the reason was is that it was just simply
6	the most efficient way to do it. You're already paying a
7	significant portion of the bills.
8	Q Under the joint venture?
9	A Under the joint sales agreement. The bills were
10	coming from the same place. They came from the same I
11	mean approved by the same general manager, but they were
12	being charged to the proper operation. If it was a WRBR
13	programming expense or promotion expense, it got charged to
14	them.
15	So rather than have two accounts payable lines,
16	two disbursement lines, and so on and so forth, which would
17	have added a lot more time, it wasn't done. This was just
18	at that time seen, and still seems to me to be the best way
19	to do it.
20	Q I understand that.
21	My question is simpler than that though. Why was

Pathfinder paying expenses on behalf of Hicks at this point, 22

the non-sales expenses, that is? 23

Well, I -- well, I've already mentioned at this 24

time, of course, Hicks did not have a bank account. They 25

- 1 didn't -- I mean, we had a service agreement and the -- and
- 2 everything had been -- I'm not -- I guess I don't understand
- 3 your question.
- 4 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Hicks didn't have the revenue at
- 5 that time, did it, to pay its own expenses?
- 6 THE WITNESS: It had it had some -- excuse me,
- 7 in April 94?
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Yes.
- 9 THE WITNESS: As it turned out, Your Honor, they
- 10 did not have enough revenue to cover their expenses, and
- 11 therefore instead of -- in this example it being a payable
- 12 from Pathfinder to Hicks, it was actually a receivable in
- 13 the month of -- I'm sorry. In the month of April, there was
- 14 enough money. They had enough cash to cover their cash
- expenses. They did. With the revenue cash, they did have
- 16 enough, but it was in June was the first month in which --
- where they did not have enough cash to cover their expenses,
- 18 and therefore it became -- they had a payable to Pathfinder.
- 19 As far as --
- 20 BY MR. GUZMAN:
- 21 Q Well, let's go back to this point of why
- 22 Pathfinder was making more, or administering the non-sales
- 23 expenses.
- 24 Was that pursuant to the joint sales agreement,
- 25 excuse me, to the accounting agreement?

- 1 A Yes, I thought that's what I had testified to.
- 2 That was pursuant to the accounting agreement and that
- 3 letter, that memo to the file, both. Then taken as
- 4 combined, that was the service that was being provided, that
- 5 was part of the service that was being provided.
- 6 JUDGE CHACHKIN: To pay their expenses?
- 7 THE WITNESS: If you will read that, but it's also
- 8 the letter of March 4th from Alan Campbell, that was
- 9 contemplated at that time is that all the checks would be
- written on Pathfinder, and as soon as they're written, then
- 11 they appeared -- no matter whether it was a joint venture
- 12 expense or not, joint venture or non-joint venture, it
- 13 becomes a receivable at that very moment from Hicks to
- 14 Pathfinder. Hicks owes Pathfinder for that money.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: But was already an agreement as
- 16 to when they had to make their payments to pay the
- 17 receivable?
- THE WITNESS: No, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: I mean, it wasn't like 30 days or
- 90 days like it was with the other creditors.
- THE WITNESS: No, Your Honor.
- BY MR. GUZMAN:
- Q Let's just take the portion of the chart that is
- 24 above the dotted line you drew. In that respect, the
- 25 accounting procedures are the same, I believe you've

- 1 testified, under Hicks as they were under Booth; is that
- 2 right?
- A That is correct. Everything was the same in that
- 4 respect. All the bills, all the bills were paid by
- 5 Pathfinder. The accounting -- not only were -- not only
- 6 were they paid by Pathfinder, Pathfinder was required in
- 7 accordance with the joint venture to keep the accounting for
- 8 the joint venture.
- 9 Q But does the portion of the chart that's above the
- 10 dotted line relate only to joint venture expenses under the
- joint sales agreement?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And similarly, it relates only to joint venture
- 14 revenue?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And for that reason that's why these are the same
- as the Booth/Pathfinder experience under the JSA?
- 18 A Yes. I mean, there was absolutely -- from this
- 19 point, there was no difference.
- Q On the portion below the dotted line, it says non-
- 21 joint venture expense.
- Q Not-joint venture expense which would be basically
- 23 any expense of Hicks or WRBR that would not relate to the
- 24 joint venture.
- 25 Q Can you give us an example of one of those

- 1 expenses?
- A A very good one would be a programming expense,
- 3 programming consulting expense, program announcer, anything
- 4 to do with programming, anything to do with promotion of the
- 5 station that was not a sales-related promotion but listener
- 6 driven type promotion; the direct engineering expense to
- 7 WRBR; and also covered in this would be another example of
- 8 the -- some of the shared expenses that were not part of the
- 9 joint venture.
- As I mentioned, on April 1st they started sharing
- in the rent. That is a non-venture expense. It was -- let
- me put it this way. It was an expense that was not in the
- original venture with John Booth or Booth American that
- later was an expense down here. But for every month every
- 15 expense down here keep in mind it became a receivable from
- 16 Hicks, so they got charged for it and they owed the money
- 17 and ultimately they paid the money to Pathfinder.
- 18 Q Let me just make sure I understand this. Let's
- 19 take an expense that is an expense encompassed within the
- 20 joint venture, within the joint sales agreement. Give me an
- 21 example of one of those expenses and then let's talk it
- 22 through our chart.
- 23 A Arbitron bill.
- Q An Arbitron bill, okay.
- Who actually made payment of the Arbitron bill

- once Hicks owned assumed ownership of WRBR?
- 2 A Pathfinder Communications Corporation.
- 3 Q And did that come on a Pathfinder check?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q How was it accounted for in your example?
- 6 A The actual bill was actually split, let's say out
- of these \$40.00 here, lt's say the Arbitron bill was \$2.00
- 8 of it. A dollar was expensed to Hicks Broadcasting and
- 9 \$1.00 was expensed to Pathfinder, and that \$1.00 that was
- 10 expensed to WRBR, since Pathfinder paid it, became a
- 11 receivable on Pathfinder's books. Hicks owed Pathfinder for
- that \$1.00 that Pathfinder had paid on its behalf.
- 13 Q Okay. Now, let's take a non-joint venture or non-
- 14 sales expense. One of the examples you gave there was
- 15 programming consulting.
- 16 How would those expenses be accounted for in your
- 17 example?
- 18 A Okay. Let's just assume for the moment that --
- well, that's probably not too far off as far as Arbitron
- 20 goes. Let's say \$1.00 of this \$6.00 -- these are -- these
- 21 are what I call non-joint venture expenses. And let's just
- 22 say that \$1.00 of that \$6.00 is an Arbitron bill. I mean,
- 23 not an Arbitron bill. Let's say it's a program consultant
- 24 bill, okay, a consultant for programming on WRBR.
- Pathfinder paid that \$1.00, paid it on a

- 1 Pathfinder check, hopefully stamped it as indicated with a
- 2 Hicks Broadcasting stamp, and at that time that they paid
- 3 it, it became a receivable from Hicks that moment that it
- 4 was paid.
- 5 Q So Hicks owed that money to Pathfinder on the
- 6 books?
- 7 A They owed that money to Pathfinder.
- Now, in this example, this is the end result of
- 9 the month's activity, one month, this is one month.
- 10 Q Let's talk about the bottom line here. You
- 11 referred to it as the net income.
- 12 A Right. Net -- and this really should be -- keep
- in mind the only things that really affect between
- 14 Pathfinder and Hicks are cash items, things that are
- 15 actually paid. So that's really a misnomer. It's really
- 16 the difference between -- it could be called, it could be
- 17 called operating cash flow too, but anyway let's -- net
- 18 income.
- 19 Q All right. Why don't you tell us what the numbers
- 20 you've got in the various columns relating to net income
- 21 refer to, how you got there.
- 22 0 Well, again, down to here was just -- say it would
- 23 be accounting for the joint venture, and then after that you
- 24 have to subtract your non-joint venture expenses which
- \_ 25 result in the net income, and then so you -- in BYT's case,

- which really isn't pertinent to the schedule, is three, and
- 2 in Hicks' case their non-venture expenses paid by Pathfinder
- 3 was six. So their net income was four.
- Now, if their net income was four, then that
- 5 became a payable from Pathfinder to Hicks of four.
- 6 Pathfinder paid it. I mean, Pathfinder owed it to Hicks
- 7 because that was their income for the month. That was their
- 8 net activity for the month.
- 9 Q All right, So in this example at the end of the
- 10 month Hicks has net income of \$4.00?
- 11 A Right.
- 12 Q How does that go on the books at Pathfinder?
- 13 A That is a payable to Hicks. On Pathfinder's books
- it is an account payable to Hicks Broadcasting LLC \$4.00 --
- or excuse me. It -- really all this activity shows on
- 16 there. The net activity for the month is \$4.00. All of
- 17 these activities actually show in the account, the net
- 18 activity being \$4.00.
- 19 JUDGE CHACHKIN: And when will Pathfinder actually
- 20 pay the \$4.00 to Hicks?
- 21 THE WITNESS: Your Honor, prior to 1-1 of '97,
- 22 there was -- there was just an accumulation of that balance.
- 23 In other words, sometimes during that period of time
- 24 Pathfinder owed Hicks, sometimes Hicks owed Pathfinder, and
- 25 so there was a -- it was just an accumulation.

7	Let's say that this four, this four was carried to
2	the next month, and then the next month's net activity was
3	either added or subtracted, so it was accumulated, and it
- 4	was in January 1st of '97, Your Honor, that it was we saw
5	that there was always there was going to be an extended
6	period, hopefully for a long, long time, that Hicks' the
7	balance was owing to Hicks. Pathfinder owed Hicks because
8	they were doing well and they were having good revenue.
9	So starting in January '97, Your Honor, that
10	balance, that net activity for any given month is paid at
11	the 60-day level mark, 60 days afterwards, and 90 days
12	afterwards. Prior to that, the net activity was accumulated
13	each month Again, resulting in sometimes the balance at
14	the end of the month, sometimes it resulted in Pathfinder
15	owing Hicks, and sometimes it resulted Hicks owing
16	Pathfinder.
17	JUDGE CHACHKIN: But never one made payments until
18	January 1997?
19	THE WITNESS: The procedure went into effect with
20	January's net activity. The actual payment, first payment
21	under that procedure came 60 days later in March, but, yes,
22	that is correct, Your Honor.
23	BY MR. GUZMAN:
24	Q Well, let me explore that a minute. In this

example Pathfinder owes Hicks \$4.00.

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- In whose account is this \$4.00 residing?
- 2 A The bank account?
- O Um-hmm.
- A It's residing in Pathfinder's bank account, but
- 5 it's -- it's -- the money is in Pathfinder's bank account
- 6 but it is at that point shown as a liability to Hicks. I
- 7 want to make that clear.
- 9 A Okay.
- 10 Q And if Hicks wanted the money, they could get it
- 11 at any time?
- 12 A Yes.
- MR. SHOOK: Objection; speculation.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Sustained. Strike the record.
- BY MR. GUZMAN:
- 17 Q All right. Well, let's talk about -- this is a
- 18 hypothetical example, okay, and in this example it ends up
- 19 that Pathfinder owes Hicks, if I've understood it correctly,
- 20 because Hicks has net income for the month.
- 21 For the month of April 1994, do you know whether
- 22 Pathfinder -- well, let me state it differently.
- In the month of April 1994, do you know whether
- 24 Hicks Broadcasting had positive net income?
- \_ 25 A You're talking about April of '94; is that

- 1 correct?
- 2 Q April '94.
- A Okay. There is one other thing that enters into
- 4 this payable and receivable. If you recall, anytime --
- 5 since Hicks did not have a bank account, anytime that cash
- 6 comes into the company, it was deposited in the Pathfinder's
- 7 account because we knew there were going to be bills coming
- 8 in, they were paying all the expenses, so in the month of
- 9 April that escrow deposit came back. That escrow -- the
- 10 escrow deposit was put into the Pathfinder's bank account
- and it created a payable to Pathfinder because it was Hicks'
- money.
- So at the end of the month of April, aside from
- 14 this activity, that cash had come in which had created
- really a positive operating balance for the month of April,
- 16 but it was a -- and April was a little bit difference in
- 17 that it was the result of this activity, plus the escrow
- 18 deposit that had come back.
- 19 Did that answer?
- 20 O Yes.
- 21 How about in the month of May 1994, do you know
- whether Hicks had a positive or a negative operating balance
- 23 at that point?
- 24 A In May, the operating balance was still positive.
- 25 There was still -- at that point Pathfinder still owed Hicks

- 1 Broadcasting at the end of May.
- MR. SHOOK: Your Honor, I think the record would
- 3 be greatly clarified if reference were made to the financial
- 4 statements that are in the record rather than --
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Are there financial statements in
- 6 the record which show --
- 7 MR. SHOOK: Yes, Your Honor.
- 8 JUDGE CHACHKIN: -- all this from month to month?
- 9 MR. SHOOK: We have the April 1994, we have all
- the 1994, up to the middle of, I quess it's May 1998,
- 11 financial statements for Hicks. I just believe that the
- 12 record would be clarified greatly if reference were made to
- 13 those statements rather than asking -- you know, testing the
- 14 witness's memory at this point.
- 15 JUDGE CHACHKIN: I agree. Why ask him about
- specific months, let's show him the financial records and
- 17 then he could state what the financial records show for that
- 18 month.
- MR. GUZMAN: Well, Your Honor, I'm not intending
- 20 to go month by month. I'm trying to set up an overview
- 21 here.
- 22 BY MR. GUZMAN:
- 23 Q I gather from the record we've already seen there
- 24 are various months that Hicks Broadcasting of Indiana has a
- 25 negative operating balance or negative income for that

- 1 month.
- In approximate terms, Mr. Watson, how many months
- 3 did Hicks Broadcasting have negative -- have a negative
- 4 operating balance?
- 5 MR. SHOOK: Your Honor, again --
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: I'll sustain the objection. The
- 7 record will speak for itself. You have the records.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I happen to know that only because
- 9 I've looked at the records.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, why don't we review the
- 11 records and count up, not approximately, specifically each
- month or else we'll let the record speak for itself and get
- 13 the exact times. No sense approximating. We have the
- 14 records.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I've done that. Does that help?
- 16 JUDGE CHACHKIN: The witness has the exact number
- of times, not an approximate number of times, based on his
- 18 review of the record that's stated. Otherwise, the record
- 19 will stand for itself.
- 20 THE WITNESS: I do have that if that would be
- 21 helpful, only because, I mean, I've looked at this whole --
- 22 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Give us the exact number of times
- 23 based on your review of the record.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Since April 1, 1994, through
- 25 December of 1997, there were 16 months in which Hicks had a

- 1 negative operating balance. So in that period of three and
- 2 three-quarters years, there were 16 months in which they had
- 3 a negative operating balance.
- 4 All of the other months there would be what you
- 5 might call a positive operating balance, and in which case
- 6 Pathfinder owed Hicks money in all the other months.
- 7 To give you some idea, again, the record does
- 8 speak for itself, I guess, but the negative operating
- 9 balance for Hicks, cumulative negative operating balance at
- one month was, the highest, around \$80,000. I'm not
- specific on that, but very close, \$80,000. The positive
- operating balance, the highest amount that Pathfinder ever
- owed Hicks was a little over \$175,000 -- close to that
- 14 number.
- And then, of course, starting in January '97 and
- 16 since then, we have -- there is a procedure that's been
- 17 established so that it provides for payment of any liability
- 18 that Pathfinder has, and there is also, excuse me, a
- 19 procedure that was started, and I probably need to correct
- 20 some testimony I made, because I think that I had said that
- 21 if Hicks owed Pathfinder money, then that is -- needs to be
- cleaned up within 30 days, you recall? And I think I said
- 23 that started in April '96. It started in April '97.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: '97.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.

- JUDGE CHACHKIN: I believe you said April '97.
- THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, if I did, then that is
- 3 right, okay.
- 4 BY MR. GUZMAN:
- Now, in these 16 months when at the end of the
- 6 month, in essence, Hicks owed Pathfinder, that Hicks had a
- 7 negative operating balance, did Hicks pay or was Hicks
- 8 charged any interest for this?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q And in the remainder of the month when Pathfinder
- 11 owned Hicks because Hicks has positive cash flow or positive
- operating balance, did Pathfinder pay Hicks any interest?
- 13 A No.
- MR. GUZMAN: At this point, Your Honor, I don't
- 15 believe I have any further questions.
- 16 JUDGE CHACHKIN: Of this witness?
- 17 MR. GUZMAN: Of this witness.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right, we have some more
- 19 cross-examination, I assume.
- 20 MR. WERNER: I probably have a few questions, Your
- 21 Honor. I would also like to identify our exhibits.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right.
- 23 MR. GUZMAN: As a cleanup item, Your Honor, I
- 24 would move for the admission of these two exhibits,
- 25 Pathfinder Exhibits 75 and 78 to which Mr. Watson has been

	1	referring.
	2	JUDGE CHACHKIN: Well, 75 is the what is 75?
	3	MR. JOHNSON: Seventy-five is the drawing from
	4	yesterday, I believe, Judge Chachkin.
	5	JUDGE CHACHKIN: Oh, oh, all right. Any
	6	objection?
	7	MR. SHOOK: None, Your Honor.
	8	JUDGE CHACHKIN: Seventy-five is received.
	9	Seventy-eight is the revised drawing. Any
	10	objection to that?
	11	MR. SHOOK: The chart that we were referring to?
	12	JUDGE CHACHKIN: Yes.
	13	MR. SHOOK: No, Your Honor.
_	14	JUDGE CHACHKIN: All right, Pathfinder Exhibit 78
	15	is also received.
	16	(The document referred to,
	17	having been previously marked
	18	for identification as
	19	Pathfinder Exhibit No. 78, was
	20	received into evidence.)
	21	MR. HALL: Your Honor, I have copies for
	22	Pathfinder and for Hicks that replaces the one that was
	23	previously distributed so that it shows the changes, and the
	24	reporter has got two copies. I'm going to distribute it to
_	25	the parties.

1	(Pause.)
2	MR. HALL: Your Honor, it will take about five
3	minutes to run through the exhibits. May Mr. Watson be
- 4	excused for that period.
5	JUDGE CHACHKIN: Oh, just the exhibits?
6	MR. HALL: Yes, just to identify them. Well,
7	there is only 14, if you want him to say, that's fine.
8	JUDGE CHACHKIN: He might as well stay.
9	MR. WERNER: May I begin, Your Honor.
10	JUDGE CHACHKIN: Yes.
11	MR. WERNER: Hicks Exhibit No. 1 is a memorandum
12	to Steve Kline from Bob Watson dated May 2, 1994; one page
13	in length.
14	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
15	(The document referred to was
16	marked for identification as
17	Hicks Exhibit No. 1.)
18	MR. WERNER: Document No. 2 is a letter from Alar
19	Campbell to David Hicks dated December 17, 1993. It is a
20	facsimile, and consists of 14 pages.
21	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document is so marked.
22	(The document referred to was
23	marked for identification as
24	Hicks Exhibit No. 2.)
_ 25	MR. WERNER: Hicks Document No. 3 is consists
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1	of handwritten notes, two pages, bearing the date February
2	28, 1994.
3	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
4	(The document referred to was
5	marked for identification as
6	Hicks Exhibit No. 3.)
7	MR. WERNER: Exhibit No. 4 is the signed version
8	of the operating agreement of Hicks Broadcasting dated March
9	23, 1994, and it consists of 21 pages.
10	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
11	(The document referred to was
12	marked for identification as
13	Hicks Exhibit No. 4.)
14	MR. WERNER: Exhibit No. 5 is a facsimile cover
15	sheet and attachment to Steve Stankewicz, spelled
16	S-T-A-N-K-E-W-I-C-Z, from Scott Troeger, spelled
17	T-R-O-E-G-E-R, dated March 31, 1994, and it consists of
18	three pages.
19	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
20	(The document referred to was
21	marked for identification as
22	Hicks Exhibit No. 5.)
23	MR. WERNER: Exhibit No. 6 is a series of
24	financial records, the cover page having a check requisition
25	from Pathfinder Communications Corporation.

1	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
2	(The document referred to was
3	marked for identification as
4	Hicks Exhibit No. 6.)
5	MR. WERNER: Exhibit No. 7 is copies of checks
6	from David Hicks to Hicks Broadcasting bearing various dates
7	and it consists of seven pages.
8	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so
9	marked.Exhibit No.
10	(The document referred to was
11	marked for identification as
12	Hicks Exhibit No. 7.)
13	MR. WERNER: Exhibit No. 8 is a draft Radio
14	Program License Agreement, a facsimile version, dated
15	February 8, 1996, and consists of 14 pages.
16	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document is so marked.
17	(The document referred to was
18	marked for identification as
19	Hicks Exhibit No. 8.)
20	MR. WERNER: Exhibit No. 9 is a memorandum dated
21	January 30, 1997, to David Hicks from Bob Watson, and it
22	consists of one page.
23	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
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1	(The document referred to was
2	marked for identification as
3	Hicks Exhibit No. 9.)
4	MR. WERNER: Hicks Exhibit No. 10 is a draft dated
5	November 4, 1993 of an Asset Purchase Agreement. It
6	consists of 12 pages.
7	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
8	(The document referred to was
9	marked for identification as
10	Hicks Exhibit No. 10.)
11	MR. WERNER: Exhibit No. 11 is a memorandum to
12	several people from Bob Watson dated August 21, 1996. The
13	exhibit consists of three pages.
14	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
15	(The document referred to was
16	marked for identification as
17	Hicks Exhibit No. 11.)
18	MR. WERNER: Exhibit No. 12 is a document entitled
19	Radio One Marketing of Mishawana, 1994, Operating Budget.
20	It's dated December 12, 1993, and it consists of five pages.
21	JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
22	(The document referred to was
23	marked for identification as
24	Hicks Exhibit No. 12.)
_ 25	MR. WERNER: Exhibit No. 13 is an undated document
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- identified as WRBR Radio 1994 Operating Budget, and it
- 2 consists of 28 pages.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
- 4 (The document referred to was
- 5 marked for identification as
- 6 Hicks Exhibit No. 13.)
- 7 MR. WERNER: And Exhibit No. 14 are undated
- 8 handwritten notes regarding WRBR budget and budget
- 9 questions, and it consists of two pages.
- JUDGE CHACHKIN: The document will be so marked.
- 11 (The document referred to was
- marked for identification as
- Hicks Exhibit No. 14.)
- MR. SHOOK: Your Honor, if I may, with respect to
- Document No. 3, I am not certain that I heard counsel
- 16 correctly as to whether or not there was a date associated
- 17 with that document.
- MR. WERNER: There is no date that appears on the
- 19 document itself.
- 20 MR. SHOOK: All right. Did you make reference to
- 21 a date though?
- MR. WERNER: Did I?
- MR. HALL: Yes.
- 24 MR. WERNER: I'll strike that reference. Excuse
- $_{25}$  me.